

contains the criteria developed in task 3 (a) or (b) above.

The FAA expects ARAC to complete these tasks within 12 months and submit a report through ARAC to the FAA and to the JAA.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to establish a new Licensing Harmonization Working Group. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

As is the case with all harmonization working groups, meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will be held alternately between the United States and Europe. Tentatively, the next two meetings will be held in Washington, DC, in January 1998 and in Hoofddorp, The Netherlands, in February 1998.

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend to ARAC a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider Training and Qualifications Issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation to ARAC of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider Training and Qualifications Issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate.

No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-3199]

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; Nationwide Survey of Public Roads Readers

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew the information collection that measures the manner and extent to which the FHWA's magazine, *Public Roads*, is achieving its objectives and meeting the needs of its readers/customers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in

response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB renewal of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Anne Barsanti, Office of Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 6300 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101-2296, (703) 285-2102 or (703) 285-2443. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T., Monday thru Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nationwide Survey of *Public Roads* Readers.

OMB Number: 2125-0562.

Background: This study is pursuant to President Clinton's Executive Order 12862, which requires all agencies to identify their customers, survey their satisfaction with current services, set standards for service and measure results against them. In addition, a nationwide census of readers was conducted in 1995 to gauge the overall satisfaction of readers and to measure, in particular, reader satisfaction with significant changes that had been made in the magazine's design and content, subject scope, and audience. Now, it is time to survey a sample of the readership and compare the results to the benchmark established in 1995. Also, the results of this survey will form the basis of a major, direct-mail campaign to increase the number of paid subscribers.

Respondents: Paid and complementary subscribers to *Public Roads* magazine.

Average Burden Per Response: The average burden per response is 0.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 375 hours.

Frequency: FHWA intends to use biennial followup surveys, starting in 1998, to track any changes in the baseline data collected in 1995, as well as to measure satisfaction with resulting improvements in the product and services.

Authority: Presidential Executive Order 12862.

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George Moore,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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